

Pesticide Disposal

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Pesticide Disposal

- Surplus Pesticide
- Rinsing containers
- Disposing of excess pesticides and/or containers

Preventing Pesticide Surpluses

- Purchase only what you need
- Do not stockpile pesticides
- Mix the right amount for the job

Managing Surpluses

- Return sealed, unopened containers to dealer
- Use partial containers, tanks for other jobs with similar pest pressures
- Use rinse water in tank mix
- Hazardous Material collections
- Dispose on property – *only if allowed on the label*

Emptying Pesticide Containers

- Liquid formulations
 - 3 x rinse, puncture
- Dry formulations
 - Completely empty
 - Open both ends
- Aerosol
 - Relieve pressure
 - DO NOT puncture!



Disposing of Containers

- Bring to licensed landfill
- Burnable containers
 - Check if approved by label, state
- Non-burnable containers
 - Return to dealer (e.g. bulk tanks)
 - Crush to prevent reuse
- Special instances
 - Pesticides containing Hg, Pb, Cd, As pose pollution threat, require special handling

Methods of Disposal

- **Incineration**
 - Preferred method
 - Special equipment – only ash & harmless gases remain
 - Approved locations vary
- **Burial**
 - Least preferred method – risk of contamination
 - Permitted in approved landfills